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SIX OBJECTS IN THE LORD'S SUPPERI Cor. 11:23-28*

INT: The elders of this congregation—and your speaker—are very concerned about your/consciousness of what SPECIAL DAY this is. Day of Spr. exercise: I Cor. 14:15. *Like!*
 I Cor. 14:40.

(about half an hour)
 In a few minutes, we shall observe the SPIRITUAL FEAST which commemorates the death, burial and RESURRECTION of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is called the L. S.
 Some call it the COMMUNION with Christ. *I Cor. 10:16.*

Today Christians all over the world will observe this supper for the 100,680th time since the Day of Pentecost in 33A. D.

(1,936th year)
This month marks the 1936th YEAR that Christ's ~~disciples~~ disciples have been remembering his suffering and sacrifice for them.

QUESTION: How has this memorial lasted through all of these many years? *Because special!*
ANSWER : Each new generation of humanity has been informed and re-informed of its *meaningful!*
EXISTENCE, its PURPOSE and its IMPORTANCE to the spiritual welfare of us all.

HAVE

I. BUT, ~~DO~~ YOU EVER CONSIDERED HOW THIS SPIRITUAL OBSERVANCE APPEARS TO OTHERS?

Have you ever thought about how it looks to ONE who knows absolutely nothing about it? It is something we know, understand and take for granted.

Let's look at it ~~from~~ through the eyes of the uninformed. *Says Exchange - student from India - Hindu.*

1. He enters the auditorium. Sees many people gathered.
2. He listens to spiritual singing. A prayer or two.
3. Then he hears a spoken message from the preacher—which he may understand or he may not. *Depends a lot on his background.*
4. An invitation is extended at the close of the sermon and a song is sung to encourage the lost and wayward to come to Christ.
5. Let's say there are responses. Several come to REDEDICATE their lives to the Lord. A special prayer is spoken for their forgiveness..from sins. Then, two come for BAPTISM for the remission of their sins. Two songs are sung as they prepare for baptism. Then they are IMMERSED in water—according to the scriptures—that their sins might be washed away. Acts 22:16.

6. Next comes the Lord's Supper! An appropriate song is sung about the Sacrifice of Christ. (The visitor grasps this much at least.) Then men gather around the large table in the front of the auditorium. A prayer is offered ~~from~~ in THANKSGIVING for the BREAD and what it represents. The men then pass plates of bread throughout the audience. No one takes more than a pinch from the loaf as it passes down their row.

After this, the men assemble again at the big table. A prayer is offered in thanksgiving for the fruit of the vine and the sacrifice it represents. Big trays, containing small glasses of grape juice are then passed to the audience. Each CHRISTIAN drinks a small glass of grape juice.

7. When this is completed—the Lord's Supper is finished. A group of Christians have commemorated the DEATH of their Lord. This...
 Christians will do until He comes again.

NOW TO THE MAIN QUESTION OF THE MORNING: What did all of this mean? *what was it's* Significance?

There are 6 objects involved. And these are the burden of the lesson ~~today~~ *Today.*

5 MIN. 10:55

Composed of

- I. OBJECT NUMBER ONE: AN ASSEMBLY OF PEOPLE; The Saved, their children and friends and neighbors visiting.
- A. Significance? A SPIRITUAL SYMBOL OF UNITY. Note Acts 2:41-44; 46-47.* *one place, one purpose*
1. Christians were regularly together on the Lord's day for the L. S. 41-42.
 2. Vs. 46-47 were regularly together during week and enjoyed their Common Meals together as they studied the Gospel further together.
 3. Acts 20:7. Paul meets with Christians at Troas for the Lord's Supper 27 years later. SHOWED THE WORLD THE UNITY OF BELIEVERS AT TROAS!
 4. QUESTION: Is it allright for a few Christian couples to meet in their HOMES if they want to---(sort of makes it more spiritual and creates a closer feeling!!!)

ANSWER: A question or two:

1. Would this suggest UNITY of Christ's believers in the area?
2. Would this promote more STRENGTH and the appearance of STRENGTH in Christ's work? We think not.
3. Is not the answer clearly given in Hebrews 10:24-30.*
Today—Christ needs more UNITY and more STRENGTH, not less.

II. OBJECT NUMBER TWO: A TABLE. Symbol of Love, Hospitality, Comradship & SeparationA. Significance? A SPIRITUAL SYMBOL OF FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS.

1. I Cor. 10:21-22 * suggests that every time the Christian sits at the Lord's Table, he is taking a STAND for all that the Lord stands for and against all that the Lord stands against.
2. QUESTION: Who all do you invite to your table? Your closest and dearest friends! WHY? Because of your love for one another. Because of all you have in common. Enjoy being together. United!

*Comradship*III. OBJECT NUMBER THREE: A FEAST. Symbol of unity, hospitality and rejoicing.

- A. All Israel's great events have been memorialized by feasts: *going to eat regularly!* The Lord's Way. Best!!
1. Pentecost. (Feast of Weeks. Harvest Festival.) 50 days following Passover.
 2. PASSOVER. Started 1491 to commemorate the "passing over" of God--over the Jewish homes, when God destroyed the Egyptian first-born--plagues. Moses.
 3. Feast of Tabernacles. (Tent cities.) Feast of Ingathering. Harvest thanksgiving.
 4. DAY OF ATONEMENT. Lev. 16. When High Priest went into the Holy of Holies.
 5. Feast of Purim. From book of Esther. Salvation of Jews from Medes-Persians.
 6. Feast of DEDICATION. (Feast of Lights) Commemorates the cleansing of the Temple in 164 B. C. when Syrians were driven out.

B. GOD'S GREATEST FEAST: The Lord's Supper. Matthew 26:26-28.*IV. OBJECT NUMBER FOUR: UNLEAVENED BREAD.

- A. Significance? Symbol of Life! Matt. 4:4. John 6:48, 53-56.*
REMEMBER: Nails broke the flesh of His hands and feet!
Spear broke the flesh of His side!

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V. OBJECT NUMBER FIVE: FRUIT OF THE VINE.

- A. Significance? Symbol of a Blood Offering. Heb. 9:22. "Without shedding.." REMEMBER: Jesus lost His ~~precious~~ Life when He lost His precious Blood. Romans 5:8 "But God commended.." Blood slowly flowed from His wounded hands and feet for six hours--for you! AND ME!

VI. OBJECT NUMBER SIX: A DOUBLE VISION. Backward and Forward Look.

A. Look BACK to Calvary. I Cor. 11:26. "For as often as you eat...show.. back!

B. Look FORWARD to the GRAND REUNION in the clouds. "....till He come.."

I Thess. 4:15-18*

OBJECTION TO "EVERY WEEK" OBSERVANCE: Too common, loses significance, loses meaning.

REPLIES: 1. The Lord requires it every first day. Proof: I Cor. 16:2. *Same as acts 20:7.*

2. What is said of L. S. could also be said of ASSEMBLING, SINGING, PRAYING, PREACHING AND GIVING. All become common, and meaningless if let it. Christian thrills to its meaning.

Ill. Man in West Texas driving along with business associate. Suddenly turned off road down dusty back trail to old farm house. Stopped in back yard near an old stump. Top cluttered with nails. *RUSTY*

Story: Several years before had lived here. Son born here.

Tot, one day, took father's hammer and nails and drove all of them in this stump. Got a spanking!

Few days later, child died of Lukemia. That stump became a PRECIOUS MEMORIAL to this father and mother.

Anytime near, drove by. WHY? Brought back sweet memories.

Made the child live again--if only for a few moments.

Ever become common? Too much trouble. Meaningless?

NO! NEVER!!

Nor will meeting with Jesus become common; be too much trouble; or become meaningless on a weekly basis.

INV: The WORSHIP SERVICE is one of the Sweetest and most Enjoyable blessings of the Christian Life.

Jesus calls all who have not been baptized into Him to come in obedience to His gospel. Repent of sins. Confess His name. Sit with Him at His table. Feast with Him. Partake of the Life He gives. *acts 2:38.*

To those who have been ABSENT from the Lord's table, He calls you HOME! Repent of NEGLIGENCE. WAYWARDNESS. LUKEWARMNESS. Come back to His TABLE. To His Fellowship. His Love. His forgiveness. His Peace.

Identify:

I John 1:9.

11:25

*Ill. Bro. Bateall Barnett
Baptist Sr. & Jr.
to grave of
mother.*